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## COMMISSIONERS ELECT NEWMAN AS THEIR CHIEF

New Board Takes Oath of Office  
and Holds First Meeting  
for Organization.

HEARTY WELCOME IS GIVEN  
Mr. Rudolph Praises Employees  
for Faithfulness and De-  
votion to City.

The new Board of Commissioners with Oliver P. Newman as its president, entered today upon the duties of its office. In the midst of an assemblage of members of Congress, officials and employees of the District government and friends, the oath of office as Commissioners of the District of Columbia was administered to Oliver P. Newman and Frederick L. Siddons in the board room of the District Building at 11 o'clock.

Accorded Warm Welcome.  
Never in the history of Washington have incoming officials been accorded a warmer welcome than was extended Commissioners Newman and Siddons. In their brief inaugural addresses they pledged themselves to devote the best that is in them to the upbuilding of the National Capital, and to conduct the affairs of the municipality with the interests of every resident at heart.

Assembling in the room of Mr. Rudolph, which now will be occupied by Commissioner Newman, the incoming and retiring officials entered the board room in a body. Mr. Rudolph, Gen. John A. Johnston and Engineer Commissioner Harding seated themselves at their usual places at the table, while the new Commissioners occupied seats at the west end.

In a brief address, which was in the nature of a farewell and a congratulatory message to the new heads, Commissioner Rudolph paid a high tribute to the faithfulness and efficiency of the District employees.

Tribute to Employees.  
Addressing Mr. Newman and Mr. Siddons he said:  
"Just a brief word of welcome to the two gentlemen about to take the oath of office. You see before you many of those with whom you will be officially associated. They are men and women who have faithfully served the community for many years, but all have shown themselves loyal to their trust and efficient in the discharge of their duties. In my opinion, no more competent staff of municipal servants to be found anywhere."

"They have had, in the recent Board of Commissioners, a real part in what these Commissioners have been able to accomplish for the National Capital. I know I express the sentiment of all here assembled when I tell you that we wish for you the largest measure of success in your work and hope that the days to be spent in your new official home may be happy and fruitful."

New Commissioners Speak.  
Mr. Newman responded in a few words:  
"In entering upon the duties of Commissioner," he said, "I am reminded of the new locomotive in the roundhouse, which has all its mileage before it. I am deeply appreciative of the welcome I have received and will do all in my power to justify the confidence my friends have placed in me. I am proud to be a part of the whole people of the District of Columbia."

In his reply to Mr. Rudolph, Commissioner Siddons said: "In this great city, the Capital of the Nation, which is so much in the eyes of the citizens, but the citizens of the country at large, what greater honor could a man desire than to be entrusted with the administration of its affairs? To men who have the proper sense of responsibility, the honor is not a light one. I shall try to add in a small degree to the pledge given by my beloved colleagues and I hope will permit me, I shall quote, 'I am fond of quoting, from the palmetto: 'If I forget thee, dear city of my heart, let my right hand forget her cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not three above my chief joy.'"

The oath of office to the new Commissioners of the District was administered by Dr. Tindall, secretary of the board. John R. Young, clerk of the District Supreme Court, administered the oath as members of the Public Utilities Commission. At the close of the ceremonies those present were received by Commissioners Newman and Siddons, many of whom took occasion to thank Mr. Rudolph and General Johnston for their efficient administration of District affairs and to express their confidence in a successful administration for the incoming officials.

In the audience were Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Siddons, wives of the Commissioners, and their predecessors, Mr. Howard Siddons, and Miss Victoria Siddons, daughter, son and sister of Commissioner Newman; Mrs. E. M. Comas, Mrs. Newman's mother and her son, Robert E. Bixby, were also in attendance, as were Norman Gibbs, Miss Mary Gibbs and Mrs. M. V. B. Cushman, cousin of Commissioner Newman.

Law School Students Attend.  
The following students of the class of 1915 of the National University Law School, of whose faculty Commissioner Siddons is a member, were present: Edward W. Pierce, president; Harry C. Sandberg, vice president; Francis D. Alexander, secretary; J. B. Harrell, Jr., treasurer; William T. Jones, sergeant-at-arms; M. E. Anderson, A. C. Arata.

## WOMEN BURNED AND BEHEADED

Details of Horrible Massacres  
by Bulgar Troops at Seres  
Are Revealed.

DISMEMBERED BODIES FOUND  
Investigators Tell of Outrages  
in Besieged City—Toll Runs  
Into Thousands.

ATHENS, July 19.—Authenticated details of massacres, mutilations, and a veritable holocaust of rapine and murder visited upon inhabitants of Seres and the surrounding country by the Bulgarian troops reached here today in the form of a long statement from the Austrian consul at Saloniki.

The official charges that several Bulgarian officers—and he gives their names and company—with having dishonored his wife in the presence of scores of soldiers and hundreds of the inhabitants who later were shot down or bayoneted.

Outrages Appalling.  
The Austrian consul's story of the appalling outrages by Bulgarian soldiers includes in many instances names of notable persons burned to death, crucified, hanged, or otherwise murdered, and left dying. A special investigating body sent to Seres also has reported. The report confirms the charges made by the Austrian consul.

Toward the evening of the last day of the massacre, according to the report, about eighty women and girls were found hidden in the basement of a warehouse, where they were crowded together by a lieutenant. It is declared that after the younger women, some of them girls of tender age, had been dishonored, the soldiers secured several barrels of petroleum oil from a nearby storage house, poured it over the women, locked all exits, and set fire to the place.

Investigations were found by the investigating committee. Some of the bodies were headless; others had been dismembered. In a large public hall, twenty officials and wealthy men of the town were ordered by the soldiers, who stabbed them with bayonets and swords, and then carried them to a trench and covered them with earth. Several women were alive when carried to the trench. One man, terribly slashed over the face and body, lived to tell the committee what had happened. The committee reports that the number of massacred women never known, but that the bodies were found in great numbers. Much of this was portable and included money, jewelry, silverware, and other valuables taken from the churches that were sacked.

Balkan Situation  
Draws to a Climax

LONDON, July 19.—Reports reaching here today indicated that the Balkan situation was hourly drawing nearer a climax. A special dispatch from Constantinople declared that a detachment of Turkish cavalry had reached the outskirts of Adrianople. An attempt to recapture this city, which was taken by the Bulgarians during the recent Balkan war, was expected to result in a protest from the powers, and a situation was hourly drawing nearer a climax. A special dispatch from Constantinople declared that a detachment of Turkish cavalry had reached the outskirts of Adrianople.

Queen Elizabeth of Bulgaria sent a telegram to Queen Elizabeth, Carmen Sylva, of Roumania, begging that the Roumanian advance be stopped. Carmen Sylva replied that this would be impossible, but that she would personally make an appeal to King Ferdinand, that the advance be made with "extreme consideration."

The reports of yesterday that the Greek, Serbian, and Roumanian armies had advanced to the very gates of Sofia, at least, before halting, and dictate any terms of peace at the head of the Bulgarians, even more certain from today's dispatches.

The Bulgarian legation here circulated the rumor that Gen. Ferdinand had fled or that he contemplated doing so.

Attack on Hospital  
Is Denied by Envoy

Strong denial was made today of a report from Sofia, Bulgaria, that the Greek army, in capturing Demir-Hisar, had shelled a hospital flying the Red Cross flag, killing all the nurses and patients.

## New Board of Commissioners of the District, and Retiring Members



Sitting, Left to Right—Col. Chester Harding, Engineer Commissioner; Commissioner Oliver P. Newman, and Commissioner Frederick L. Siddons. Standing, On Left—Gen. John A. Johnston and Former Commissioner Otto H. Rudolph.

## YANKEES TO FIGHT FOR TENNIS TROPHY

American and English Teams  
Are Opponents for the International Cup.

LONDON, July 19.—The American tennis team will fight it out with the British defenders in the doubles challenge round for the International trophy. By defeating the Canadians today in the doubles, the Americans won the final, having taken the first two singles sets, but the Canadians fought fiercely in the third set, which went to deuce, and gave up only after an exhibition of rare gameness.

Melloughlin and Hackett represented America, Powell and Schwengerer played for Canada. The scores were: 6-4, 6-3, 12-10.

As today was the challenge round, the match had not been made, but it will probably be played at Wimbledon courts.

## Musical Show Beauty Starts Divorce Suit

NEW YORK, July 19.—Lillian Lorraine, whose beauty has made musical comedy popular along Broadway, has instructed her attorney to draw up a complaint to have her marriage to Frederick Greshelmer annulled.

Soon process servers were scouring the city in vain with a summons for "Freddie," who has not been seen since he went before the grand jury and charged him with taking a valuable diamond ring and pawning it for about \$2,500.

"As nearly as we can learn," her attorney said tonight, "Freddie has gone to Europe."

"I couldn't stand any longer for his actions, and I will be glad when the court relieves me of him," said Miss Lorraine tonight. "He is a fraud and a scoundrel, and I am ashamed to be associated with him. He is a respectable, honorable, law-abiding citizen, and I am ashamed to be associated with him. He is a respectable, honorable, law-abiding citizen, and I am ashamed to be associated with him."

Service Government  
Charges Massacres

RELIGIOUS, July 19.—Bringing charges against the Bulgarian troops as serious as those lodged by the Greeks, the Serbian war office today issued a statement covering a long list of massacres, mutilations, and other outrages.

## BANK IS CLOSED; \$30,000 SHORTAGE

First National, at La Fayette, Ga., Believed Wrecked by Embezzlement.

The First National Bank of La Fayette, Ga., has been closed by National Bank Examiner, Thomas J. Dunlap, according to announcement made today in the office of Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Kane.

The bank was closed because of a large shortage. The amount is not known, but it will be at least \$30,000. Detailed reports have not yet been received at the Comptroller's office.

The bank was closed with the authority and approval of the board of directors, the shortage having made the bank insolvent. The bank was founded in 1882 and had a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$2,500.

The last examination of the bank was made May 23, and it was then all right. The statement in answer to the Comptroller's call of June 4, also showed the bank to be in good condition and it is believed that the shortage occurred since that time. The bank had a capital stock of \$50,000 and a surplus of \$2,500.

## "Bomb" Hits Train!

Proves to Be a Can

PATERSON, N. J., July 19.—Another story of an unexploded "bomb" exploded here today when detectives learned that the supposed infernal machine which was hurled through the headlight of an Erie train as it passed under the Diamond bridge at Hawthorne last night was only a tin can.

Some of the police declared there were powder marks on the tin can; others said it was only wood.

## TARIFF BILL ATTACK OPENED BY CUMMINGS

Replying to Simmons, the Iowa Senator Says President Coerced Congress.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, opened the Senate debate on the tariff bill this afternoon. Previous to this, there has been occasional speaking on the bill, but Senator Simmons' speech launches the tariff debate in earnest. Four or five weeks of steady discussion, with daily sessions, will follow. Senator Simmons strongly commended the bill, and emphasized the fact that the income tax feature had made possible lower schedules than otherwise would have been possible.

Denouncing alike the interference of the President and the Democratic majority in the making of the tariff bill, Senator Cummings of Iowa offered the first reply to the opening of the Finance Committee. He declared that the President had gone farther than had his Republican predecessors in seeking to coerce the legislative branch of the Government, and that by employing the secret caucus the majority in the Senate had made the work of the Congress as a whole a mere formality.

## Burglar, Finding Man Armed, Says Good Night

BRIDGEPORT, Pa., July 19.—Dr. J. Kent Morris reported to the police today that soon after midnight he was awakened by footsteps beneath his window. Next he heard some one coming up the fire escape, and he declared that he saw a flash of light from the open window and was confronted by a masked man and a revolver leveled at his head.

Never mind using your firearms, my dear sir," said the burglar. "I don't think I will come in. Good evening." With his gun still leveled at Dr. Morris' head the burglar descended the fire escape and disappeared into the darkness below.

Wilson Seeks Speed  
On Currency Measure

Disturbed by rumors of renewed opposition on the part of disaffected Democrats in Congress against the currency bill, and the situation on the tariff, President Wilson is said to have urged members of Congress who have grasped a recess during the past few days to "get busy."

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Italy Also Withdraws Diplomat  
and International Affairs  
Become Complex.

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When asked this morning concerning the statement, Secretary Bryan smiled broadly.

"I wish," he said, "that some one would disclose the real identity of these mysterious and anonymous high officials who presume to speak for this department in matters of such great importance."

It was pointed out that, in permitting these privileges to foreign nations in Mexico, even with the restriction that there shall be no acquisition of territory, the administration would not only waive the Monroe doctrine, but in doing so, would depart from a fundamental principle of the Democratic party.

## Special Honor for Japan, Rumor.

No official confirmation was received at the State Department today regarding press dispatches from Mexico to the effect that a mammoth popular demonstration was being arranged to greet the Japanese minister to Mexico on his visit to the capital.

Blamed on Suffragists.

LONDON, July 19.—False fire alarms in London continue to average one a day, most of them being attributed to suffragettes, according to one quarterly report of the fire department.

## LORD TO RETIRE IN FIGHT OVER CONFIRMATION

Fears Embarrassment to President If Contest for Exile Post Is Continued.

HIS ACTION IS VOLUNTARY  
Approval of Joseph C. Sheehy,  
Named to Succeed Colpoys,  
Considered Likely.

Close friends of Frank B. Lord, appointee of President Wilson for Exile Commissioner, are authority for the statement that he will ask the President to withdraw his nomination and will retire from the contest over his confirmation.

Mr. Lord is out of town today and no authorized personal statement could be obtained.

Tries to Save Wilson.  
Mr. Lord is actuated in this move, his friends say, by a desire to save the President the embarrassment of a clash with the Senate District Committee, two of the members of which, Senators Works and Jones, have been active in their fight against his confirmation.

Mr. Lord refused to withdraw his name from the Senate at the demand of the Anti-Saloon League two weeks ago. The charges brought against him by that organization were declared by him to be not such as to disbar him from giving efficient service as a member of the Senate.

Confident of Victory.  
Mr. Lord has been confident that his nomination would be voted out for confirmation by the Senate. In spite of the opposition of Senators Works and Jones, he realized, however, that pressure had been brought to bear by the two Senators, and he was withdrawn from the contest for which he (Lord) would be blamed.

## Mexican Trouble Is Up to the Senate

Senator Fall stirred up the Mexican question in the Senate today when he introduced a resolution the effect of which was to declare that the Constitution should protect the American citizen on the border and wherever he goes, and should go with him through the world.

The resolution embodied the language of the Democratic platform on this subject, and was in harmony with it. After the resolution had been read, Senator Clarke asked that the plank on this subject in the Democratic platform be read.

Attack by Sailors  
Yet Is Unreported

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt declared today that the Navy Department has received as yet no report on the attack made by sailors and marines of the Pacific fleet last night on the headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World in San Francisco.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.